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Ronald J. Tenpas, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that on August 8, 2005, **TERRENCE L. CORTHEN**, age 23, of Carbondale, Illinois, was sentenced in United States District Court in Benton, Illinois. CORTHEN, who had previously pled guilty to a two-count indictment, charging him with distribution of crack cocaine, was sentenced to 168 months' imprisonment, 6 years supervised release and was fined \$450.

The violations took place on January 28, 2003, and February 25, 2004, in Carbondale, Illinois.

The investigation was conducted by the Carbondale Police Department, Jackson County Sheriff's Office, Southern Illinois Enforcement Group, and Drug Enforcement Administration, pursuant to those agencies' participation in the Project Safe Neighborhoods initiative in the Southern District of Illinois. Under the Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative, federal, state, and local law enforcement and prosecutors are working together to prosecute drug dealers, felons in possession of firearms, and criminals that use firearms to commit violent offenses or drug trafficking offenses. The Jackson County Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative is a joint and cooperative effort of the United States Attorney's Office, Jackson County States Attorney's Office, Drug Enforcement Administration, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, Carbondale Police Department, Jackson County Sheriff's Office, Southern Illinois Enforcement Group, and Murphysboro Police Department.

The case was assigned to Assistant United States Attorney Amanda A. Robertson for prosecution.